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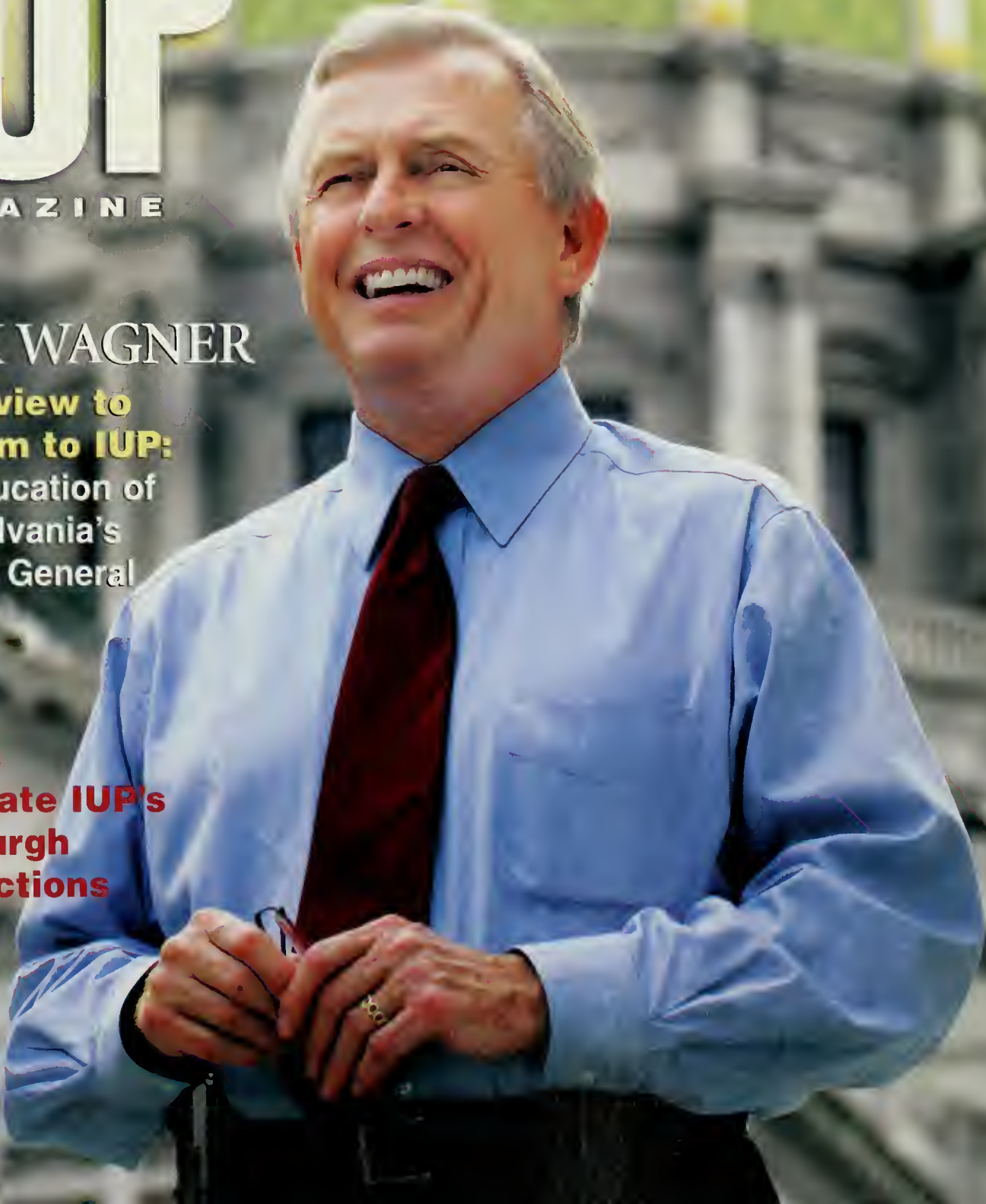
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Keith Boyer

BY TONY ATWATER

INSTITUTIONAL GREATNESS

When IUP first opened its doors on May 17, 1875, as a Normal School with two hundred students and nine faculty members, its founders pledged that “every effort will be made to make this school equal, if not superior, to any other institution of its kind in the country.”

Our founders would be very proud, indeed, to see that IUP has remained committed to excellence, and that it has grown in size, stature, and reputation to become the premier state-owned university in Pennsylvania.

I hope that you have noticed IUP's very deliberate efforts to increase its visibility and presence in selected areas throughout the United States, especially in those communities in which alumni are most concentrated. As *IUP Magazine* goes to press, we will have celebrated a very special evening at Pittsburgh's Heinz Hall, one of the premier performing arts venues in the nation. IUP Plays Pittsburgh, a musical extravaganza featuring the IUP Wind Ensemble, String Orchestra, Chorale, Jazz Ensemble, Opera Theater, and the legendary Marching Band, took place in late November and was enjoyed by a large and very appreciative audience of parents, alumni, students, and friends. We look forward to continuing this fine tradition in years to come.

In April, Dr. Beverly Roberts-Atwater and I look forward to hosting the first “IUP Legacy Gala” at Pittsburgh's Carnegie Museum Music Hall. This event will honor IUP's outstanding

alumni in three areas of outstanding accomplishment: one for Alumni Distinction, another for Civic Service, and a third for Philanthropy. This event also will include a special fundraising auction designed to benefit the Fund for Academic Excellence. More about this special event, including the award winners, is available at www.iup.edu/pittsburghnights. The Legacy Gala will be a spectacular event and will elevate IUP's presence in Pittsburgh to a new level. The Legacy Gala will become an annual, high-profile celebration of our university's best and most distinguished alumni.

Tradition and history are of great importance to an academic institution and to its alumni and students. While IUP is a very different place than its founders imagined, it has at its center a firm hold on its core values, traditions, and history. From all that I have learned about the giants of IUP's past, I firmly believe that they are cheering us on as we pursue new approaches to advancing IUP.

IUP will advance its mission without losing touch with the qualities that have made it unique and excellent. We owe it to both our predecessors and to the next generation of IUP citizens to find the courage to sustain academic excellence and to achieve institutional greatness in novel, strategic, and prudent ways. I have every confidence that this generation of IUP citizens—including its students, faculty, administrators, staff, alumni, and friends—will do just that.

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On his way to IUP, Jack Wagner '74 read meters at Duquesne Light, survived serious injuries in a deadly DMZ ambush in which most of his U.S. Marines squad was killed, and earned a Purple Heart. At twenty-three, he was "the old man" in college.

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Auditor General Jack Wagner '74 at the Pennsylvania State Capitol.
Photograph by Keith Boyer.

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IUP's university magazine is twenty-five years old this month. Originally called *Oak Leaves*, the publication made its debut in January 1983. That first issue, printed in black and crimson only, featured on its cover Beatrice Fleming Harvey '24, a retired teacher, and Robert Marchesani '83, a senior who was president of the Interfraternity Council. In the pages that follow, more covers recall the evolution of the magazine—and the university whose events it chronicles.





THE LONG SHOT

Jack Wagner had two interests growing up in the Beechview section of Pittsburgh: playing football and shooting pool. In fact, he applied himself more to his duties as guard and linebacker than his studies at South Hills High School.

BY ELAINE JACOBS SMITH • PHOTOGRAPHY BY KEITH BOYER

"I was never really a good student," he said, "more because of not putting the time and attention into it than because of anything else."

On the surface, he may have seemed a long shot to become an education advocate—no less auditor general of Pennsylvania—but the 1974 IUP graduate went on to be both. And, he's quick to credit his time at IUP for fitting him with skills he still uses today, or, as he says, for teaching him "how to think."

Wagner didn't set out to work in state government; he took a scenic route.

While many of his South Hills classmates went straight to college, Wagner lacked the finances. His father, Robert, worked in sales during the day and tended bar at night; his

mother, Laverne, worked as a secretary, among other jobs.

After high school, Wagner got a job as a mail boy at Duquesne Light, where he later moved up to meter reader, then draftsman. Meantime, the Vietnam War was in full swing, and, as a single young man who wasn't in college, he knew the draft was inevitable.

In August 1966, at age eighteen, a proactive Wagner and four of his buddies joined the U.S. Marine Corps. "I just wanted, in all frankness, to meet my obligation of military service and get on with my life," he said.

But he was also planning. Wagner knew that joining the military would qualify him for the GI Bill, which would help him pay for college down the road.

Seven months after he enlisted, Wagner went to Vietnam. That spring, sent to drive enemy troops from the demilitarized zone between North and South Vietnam, Wagner's squad got caught in an ambush. That and the ensuing battle left seven of the twelve dead; Wagner was one of three wounded.

Transported to Japan, then South Philadelphia, Wagner underwent multiple operations to remove shrapnel and repair his legs and foot, followed by months of rehabilitation. At age twenty, he was medically discharged from the Marines and later received the Purple Heart.

Back to work at Duquesne Light, a more serious Wagner watched as coworkers with college degrees moved up through the organization.

"You put two and two together and say to yourself, 'I better get a college degree, or I'm not going to make much of my life,'" he said.

He was taking night classes at Point Park College in downtown Pittsburgh when he read about a new program at IUP called Safety Management, now known as Safety Sciences.

It was around 1970, and the Occupational Safety and Health Act was about to be passed at the federal level. IUP was one

of the first schools in the nation to establish an undergraduate degree program in safety. Wagner applied and was accepted—at the Kittanning branch, now called IUP at Northpointe.

"The reason I was accepted at the Kittanning branch versus the main campus was because my grades weren't that good," he said. "So I went to Kittanning, and that was a great experience."

A year later, on the main campus, Wagner met some fellow Safety Management majors who worked part time as paramedics at Citizens' Ambulance Service.



Courtesy of Jack Wagner

"It was right in line with my major," he said. So he applied.

Within a month, Wagner was answering ambulance calls from all over Indiana County. He recalls being dispatched to a manufacturing plant where a man was killed on the job.

"Obviously, it was a tragedy for that man and his family, but I saw what went wrong there," he said. "And here I am majoring in safety, so I could put the pieces together as to what should not have happened and how this man's life could have been saved."

Often, he shared his paramedic experiences in class, both at IUP and at Admiral Peary Area Vocational Technical School in Ebensburg, where he taught emergency-responder courses in the evenings.

Starting college at twenty-three and nicknamed "the old man" by his roommates at Carriage House and Essex

House, Wagner wasted no time at IUP. He took classes each summer and graduated in three years. The rigorous safety curriculum—which included five internships in the senior year—had its rewards.

"When you graduated, there were three or four potential jobs out there for you," Wagner said.

He took a job as a loss-control engineer at CNA Insurance in Pittsburgh, where he worked with clients in such industries as steel, mining, and trucking to reduce their accident rates. Four years later, he moved to Chicago to work as a regional manager, then national accounts manager, at CNA's home office.

After six years with the company, Wagner came back to Pittsburgh to manage a restaurant his older brothers, Bob and Pete, had opened. Two life-changing events resulted: He met his future wife, Nancy, a waitress and bartender at the restaurant, and he got involved in the community.

When chlordane, a potentially cancer-causing insecticide, got into the water system, Wagner's safety management background came bubbling to the surface.

Beechview's water supply was shut down for two weeks, and residents were told to use neighborhood water buffaloes or buy their own water.

"That was 1980," Wagner said. "Water wasn't sold like it is today. And when you live without water in your home or you have a business—and I was running a restaurant then—that's a serious problem."

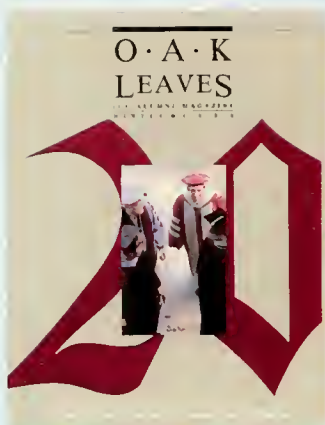
Wagner organized a community meeting and invited all of Pittsburgh's elected officials. None showed. That evening, he decided to run for office.

"It was, in many ways, reactionary," he said, "and some people say that's the best reason to get involved with government."

In his first bid for city council, Wagner lost. But after getting a taste of the competition, he ran again and took office in 1984.

It was a time of transition for Pittsburgh: The steel industry was falling apart at the same time many of downtown's sig-

25th Anniversary



Top to bottom. John Welty's investiture (he preferred the term to "inauguration") in November 1985 coincided with celebration of the twentieth anniversary of university status. In the late eighties, the campus's Breezedale mansion, long unused and in disrepair, was reincarnated as a Victorian showplace and alumni center. The stained-glass window is in a second-floor bathroom.

THE LONG SHOT

nature skyscrapers—PPG Place, Oxford Centre, Fifth Avenue Place—were going up as part of the Renaissance II building boom.

In his ten years on council—the last four as president—Wagner counts among major achievements the formation of a public-private partnership that kept the Pirates in Pittsburgh and the privatization of the zoo, aviary, Phipps Conservatory, and other attractions.

Rather than running for reelection in 1993, Wagner ran for mayor. After losing a heated race, he found himself out of an office. "I had my heart and soul set on doing some things I really wanted to do for Pittsburgh. And I lost," he said.

Wagner was preparing to reenter the private sector, even interviewing for jobs, when Eugene Scanlon, the senator from Wagner's district, died in office in March 1994.

Wagner decided to run for the seat and won. Over the next ten years, he helped implement safety-related measures that included increased smoke detectors and fire-suppression

systems in college dormitories, electronic signs showing motorists their speed in construction zones, and expanded cell-phone coverage along interstate highways.

He also backed increased funding for public education and initiatives such as the HOPE Scholarship Program, which—had it been adopted—would have helped pay tuition for students maintaining a certain grade-point average.

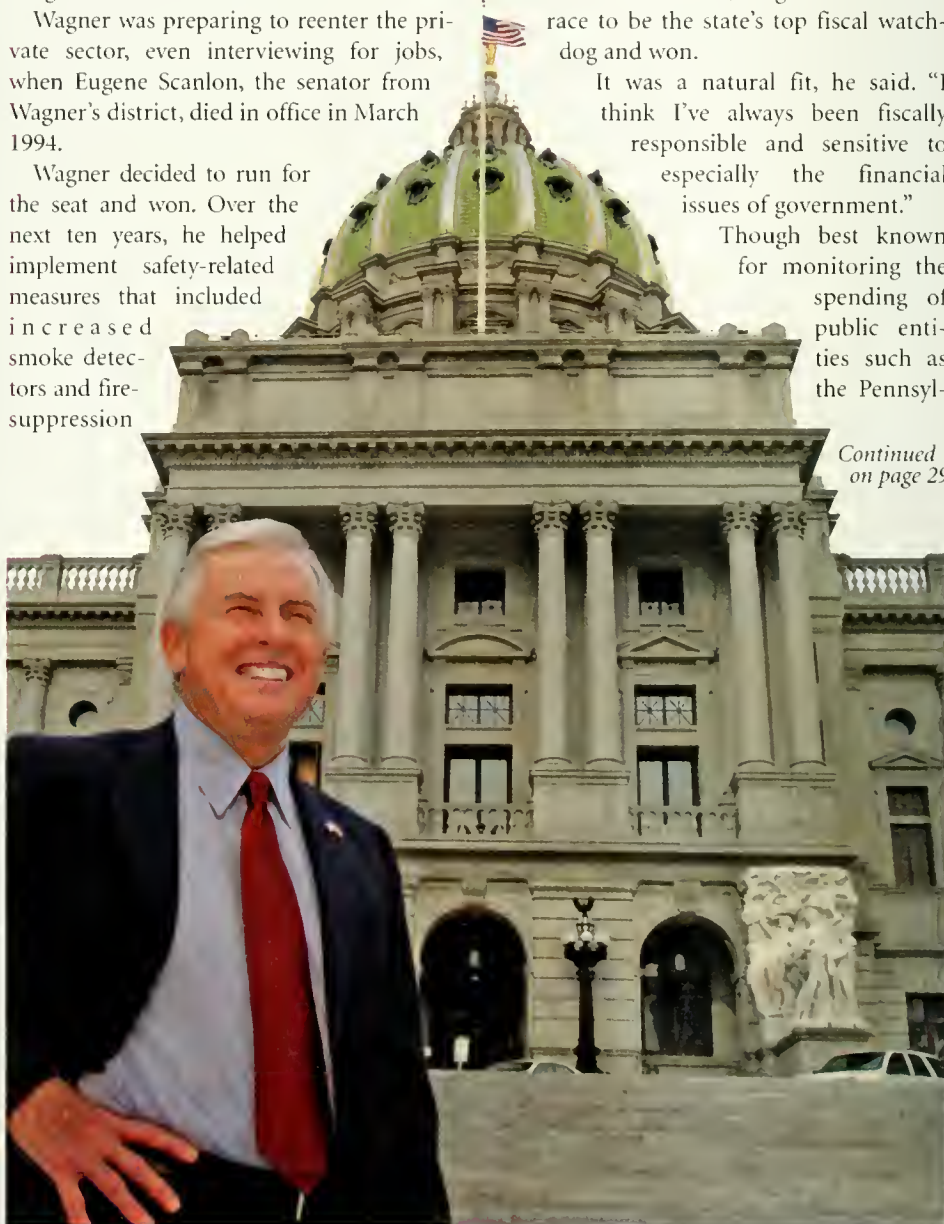
In 2002, Auditor General Bob Casey was running for governor and asked Wagner to run alongside him for lieutenant governor. Both lost in the Democratic primary.

Soon after, as Casey neared the end of his two-term limit, Wagner entered the race to be the state's top fiscal watchdog and won.

It was a natural fit, he said. "I think I've always been fiscally responsible and sensitive to especially the financial issues of government."

Though best known for monitoring the spending of public entities such as the Pennsyl-

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Michael Powers

● IUP's new homepage

bright crimson and gray with extensive use of photography. The home page has been redesigned to focus on telling IUP's story through profiles of our outstanding students, faculty members, and alumni. Beyond the home page, finding what you need has been made much easier by means of sitewide navigation, improved search capabilities, and a thorough reorganization of existing content.

New, behind-the-scenes technology allows more than two hundred contributors to submit content for the site. That content is then reviewed by IUP's central Communications Office before publication on the Web, main-

taining consistency and organization as the site grows. Other new features include improved accessibility for the disabled, pages that automatically reformat for printing, and news and calendar feeds that make it easier to keep track of what's happening at IUP.

Work will continue after the launch as more than forty thousand pages are reformatted and moved to the new website.

Watch for new features—and new student, faculty, and alumni profiles—to appear on the website in the coming months. 🐦

Michael Powers, Ph.D., is IUP's web developer.

Quite a Site

By Michael Powers

The campus isn't the only thing under construction at IUP these days. The university's main website is undergoing a revival of its own.

Set to launch during this spring—and available for pre-

view since Homecoming—the new website is the culmination of several years' work by a campuswide committee of faculty and staff. Goals for the new website include bolstering IUP's image among prospective applicants and making the website more useful for all its visitors, on and off campus.

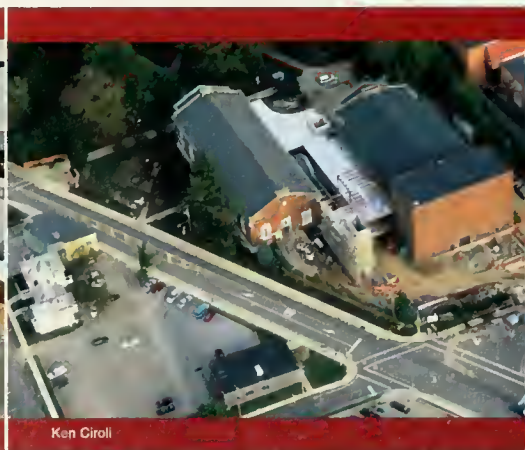
Visitors to the site will first notice the website's new look:



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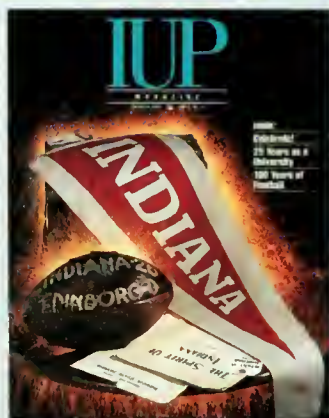
Ken Cirilli

● **SUITE CELEBRATION:** Moments before a ribbon-cutting ceremony in late September for the Suites on Grant. President Tony Atwater recounted the Residential Revival project's remarkable history. The Suites on Grant represent Phase I of the project; Phase II is set for opening next fall. Among those in the platform party with the president was Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Chancellor Judy Hample.

● **STUDENT SERVICE:** One of several amenity spaces in the Suites on Grant, IUP's Office of International Affairs is located along Pratt Drive, opposite the S.W. Jack Cogeneration Plant. Students Richard Yong, Tiffani Ballard (center), and Danielle Johnson worked at the reception desk one day last fall.

● **TWO BECOME ONE:** Although its most dramatic face is toward the Oak Grove, the addition uniting Waller Hall, left, with Fisher Auditorium is more easily seen in its entirety from this bird's-eye view. Also undergoing a face-lift is Oakland and Eleventh's northeast corner, across the street. The two houses along Washington Street on the extreme left are due for demolition, as is the MAATI building at the bottom of the image. The gravel parking lot will be paved.

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The year after *Oak Leaves* became *IUP Magazine*, IUP observed the silver anniversary of university status.

Benefit Gala Burnishes IUP Image

A stellar spring gathering of Western Pennsylvania alumni and friends of IUP will honor recipients of awards for distinction, service, and philanthropy and provide a glittery evening of dinner, dancing, and fun. Called the Legacy Gala, the gathering is expected to become an annual event.

The 2008 gala will be Saturday, April 26, at Pittsburgh's Carnegie Music Hall in Oakland. The evening will start with cocktails and a silent auction, followed by dinner, an awards program, and dancing.

Cochairs for the event are Catherine Talerico Renda '61 and Ruth Riesenman '64. According to Riesenman, the gala has two goals.

"We want to honor outstanding individuals and organizations who are from Western Pennsylvania or who have made a significant impact on the region," she said. "We also want to raise at least \$100,000 for the newly established University Fund for Academic Excellence."

Renda and Riesenman are members of the Foundation for IUP Board of Directors, general sponsor of the event. Tickets are priced at \$135 per person.

"Sponsorships by businesses and professional groups are important to the gala's success," Riesenman said. Lynn Barger, the university's director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, is handling sponsorship commitments; her contact information is at the end of this article.

"Even though invitations will be sent only to

alumni and friends in the Pittsburgh region," Riesenman said, "we hope that those from all over the country will want to participate, either in person or through the on-line auction."

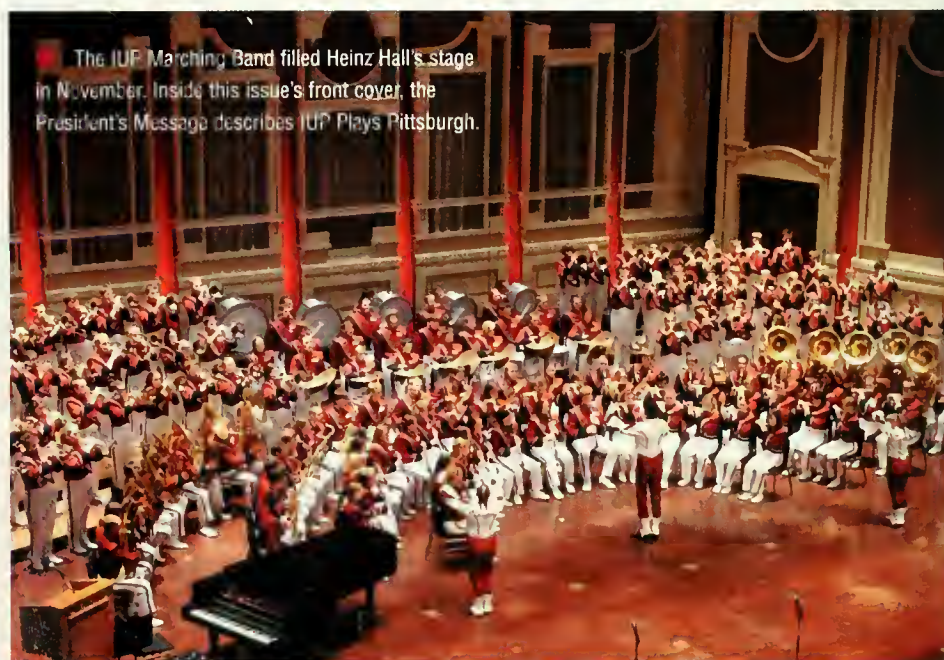
Examples of items to be auctioned may include original artwork, memorabilia from Pittsburgh sports teams, a spa weekend at an exclusive resort, and items ranging from antiques to electronics. Information is available on line at www.iup.edu/pittsburghnights.

The following awards will be presented: Presidential Legacy Award for Alumni Distinction, Presidential Legacy Award for Civic Service, and Presidential Legacy Award for Philanthropy. Only the first award requires the recipient be an alumnus or alumna of IUP.

The Legacy Gala is part of a larger initiative highlighting and celebrating IUP's Pittsburgh connections in a number of ways. In November, for example, Heinz Hall was the setting for "IUP Plays Pittsburgh," which showcased the university's musical riches.

Each year, IUP draws more than two thousand students from the Pittsburgh region and sends more than a thousand student interns to work for Pittsburgh area businesses and nonprofit organizations. More than twenty thousand IUP alumni live in the region.

Tickets for the Legacy Gala are available from the University Events office at 724-357-2145. Sponsorships may be arranged through Lynn Barger at 724-357-6454.



The IUP Marching Band filled Heinz Hall's stage in November. Inside this issue's front cover, the President's Message describes IUP Plays Pittsburgh.

THE INDIANA INITIATIVE AND MORE

Significant Gifts Support Many Initiatives

The following gifts were recently made in support of athletics.

● Sheetz, Inc., Altoona, made a generous gift of \$20,000 to place its corporate logo on the Memorial Field House playing floor. The funds will be used for athletic scholarships. Randall (Louie) Sheetz '77 is a member of the Foundation for IUP Board of Directors.

● Shirley Ullom Filcik '53 of Cincinnati made a gift of \$10,000 to support the Jules Filcik Memorial Scholarship for Men's Basketball.

● S&T Bank, Indiana, made a gift of \$490 to support the IUP Women's Basketball Shoot for the Cure.

● Chris Holuta '89 and Luci Scerbo Holuta '89, Indiana, made a gift of \$5,000 to the Men's Basketball Fast Break Booster Club. Chris Holuta is president of the Foundation for IUP Board of Directors.

● Many new pledges and gifts were designated for the Corporate Crimson Club, which supports unrestricted funds for athletics. The contributions included the following gifts of service: \$16,890.40 from the Holiday Inn, Indiana; \$4,000 from Wood Pontiac Chevrolet, Plumville, Pa.; \$4,000 from Walker Motor Company, Kittanning, Pa.; \$4,000 from McGregor Motor Company, Indiana; \$4,000 from Colonial Toyota, Indiana; \$29,428 from ARAMARK, IUP; \$4,000 from Luther Ford Lincoln Mercury, Indiana; and \$8,000 from Mark Arbuckle Nissan, Inc., Indiana.

● Gifts of cash for the Corporate Crimson Club included the following: \$6,000 from S&T Bank, Indiana; \$10,000 from PNC Bank, IUP;

\$6,250 from Mark Arbuckle Nissan, Inc., Indiana; and \$5,500 from Waste Management, Irwin, Pa.

● New pledges to the Corporate Crimson Club included the following: \$6,500 from Cellular One, Indiana; \$10,000 from Giant Eagle, Indiana; \$6,000 from Sheetz, Inc., Altoona; \$10,000 from the IUP Co-op Store; \$10,000 from Indiana Regional Medical Center; \$6,000 from the Center for Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine, Indiana; and \$6,000 from Luther Ford Lincoln Mercury, Indiana.

The following gifts to existing scholarships and endowments were made.

● Omah C. Duggan, Indiana, made a gift of \$5,058.27 to the Bob Duggan Distinguished Scholars Fund.

● Via the Fidelity Charitable Trust, a gift of \$8,000 was received from Mario M. Morino, Reston, Va., for the Morino Scholars Fund, and a gift of \$10,000 was received for the Anthony and Emma Calvetti Morino Memorial Scholarship.

● The Zonta Club of Indiana made a gift of \$4,991.08 to support the Zonta Club of Indiana Scholarship for Women.

The following are newly established endowed scholarships.

● Jane Miller Banks '56, Colts Neck, N.J., established the Jane Miller Banks Eberly College of Business and Information Technology Scholarship with a gift of \$25,000.

● William Hoffman '60, Sarasota, Fla., has established the William (Billy) J. Hoffman '60 Scholarship for Baseball with a gift of \$20,000.

● An anonymous faculty member has made a pledge of \$24,000 to support a graduate assistantship within the Department of Physics.

● An unrestricted gift of \$6,000 was given by Robert J. Bachman '65, Washington, D.C.

● James B. Renacci '80 and Tina D. Renacci, Wadsworth, Ohio, made an unrestricted gift of \$5,000. James Renacci is a member of the Foundation for IUP Board of Directors.

● The IUP Alumni Association made a gift of \$10,800 to the IUP Alumni Association Programming Support Fund.

● Chevron, Princeton, N.J., made a gift of \$12,500 and designated \$5,000 of it to the Department of Safety Sciences Technology Enhancement Fund and \$7,500 of it to the Department of Safety Sciences General Fund.

● Gorell Enterprises, Inc., Indiana, made a \$5,000 gift to the College of Fine Arts Special Projects Fund. The Indiana Symphony Series also made a \$5,000 gift to the fund.

● The Reschini Group, Indiana, made a gift of \$4,500 in support of the IUP Homecoming Parade.

● The Stackpole-Hall Foundation, St. Marys, Pa., made a gift of \$5,000 to the Office of Social Equity and Civic Engagement to support a minority mentoring program.


Inaugural Lecture Set for Fall

The Fall 2008 semester will mark the inauguration of the First Commonwealth Bank Endowed Lecture Series. The series will bring speakers of national and international prominence to lecture on the university's main campus.

According to John Dolan, president and chief executive officer of First Commonwealth Financial Corporation, "Through this lecture series, we will join IUP in broadening local horizons and encouraging critical inquiry. As a leader in corporate philanthropy in the region, we

are anxious to demonstrate our commitment to education and cultural programming."

First Commonwealth has made a generous gift to endow the series. A committee comprising university and corporation representatives will consider and choose speakers.

With assets of approximately \$6 billion, First Commonwealth Financial Corporation is headquartered in Indiana, Pa. It operates, through First Commonwealth Bank, in fifteen counties in Western and Central Pennsylvania. 



● Tom Costello '88, president and CEO of UpStreme, a business and technology management consulting firm, was an Eberly Executive-in-Residence last fall. He worked specifically with Management Information Systems students, covering such topics as the Pending IT Bottleneck and Corporate Project Portfolio Management. Michael Parry, left, Shannon Schreiner, and Ryan Easton had a chance to hear his ideas.

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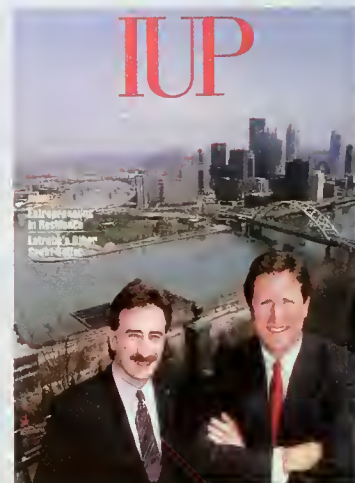
The Eberly College of Business and Information Technology's Executive-in-Residence Program brings successful executives to campus for up to a week. They make presentations to selected classes and meet with departmental faculty and student groups.

Executives often provide insight regarding real-world events, organizational challenges, and career opportunities in specific fields. They are assigned an office suite, where they can provide mentoring support and advice to individual students and groups of students.

The Entrepreneur-in-Residence assignment is essentially the same as the Executive-in-Residence. The difference, according to Eberly Assistant Dean Cyndy Strittmatter, is that entrepreneurs are individuals who have successfully created new business entities, and their presentations are more focused on business start-up and growth issues.

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● The College of Business's first Entrepreneurs-in-Residence appeared on the cover of *IUP Magazine's* Summer 1990 issue in a photo by John Beale '79. They were Tom Costa '79, left, and Tom Wallace '80. (The college wasn't renamed for the Eberly family until a few years later.)



Great New Rates for the Out of State

Starting with the current academic year, non-Pennsylvania residents can take advantage of undergraduate tuition savings at IUP.

The discounts pertain to any student from the following states: Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia.

What's more, students from any state qualify for discounts if they have earned a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or better. Freshmen must have earned a minimum 3.0 on a 4.0 GPA scale or an 85 percent on a percentage scale. Transfer students must have earned a cumulative 3.0 GPA at all institutions attended before enrolling at IUP.

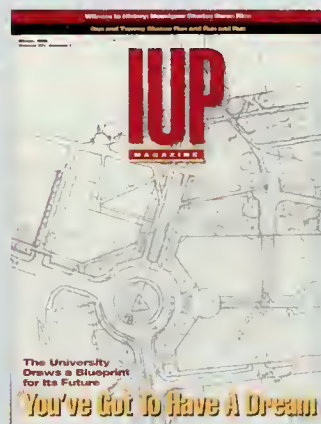
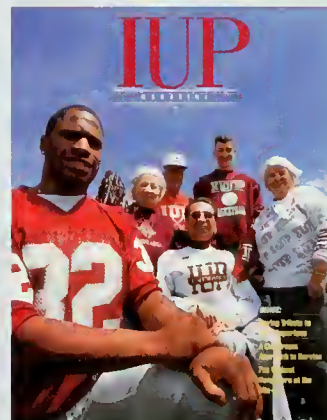
Information about the tuition differential for nonresidents can be found at www.iup.edu/admissions-office/tuitiondiscount.shtm. Information is also available by calling the Office of Admissions at 724-357-2230 or by sending e-mail to admissions-inquiry@iup.edu.



Keith Boyer

● Executive-in-Residence Bill Shipley '75 talked with Danielle Iorio, left, and Melissa Mikeska, on the Eberly Trading Floor in November. Shipley is executive director of Thorp Reed & Armstrong, LLP, in Pittsburgh, having retired from PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP, after a thirty-year accounting career.

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A movie poster of Model School alumnus James Stewart in *The Jackpot* foreshadowed the university's second capital campaign in 1993. By 1996, plans were in the works for gateways to campus at three locations and, on more than one hundred newly acquired acres, for construction of a house for the university president.



BY PAUL ARPAIA

“WE ARE ALL FEELING ROMAN”



Now that we've been in Rome for a while, we've all begun to hunker down and work in earnest on our projects.

We've also become much more used to living in the city.

And, though I'd hate to admit it, I, too, am among those who have become accustomed to the Roman landscapes of ancient ruins, medieval and Renaissance buildings and monuments, and umbrella pine trees.

I no longer stop breathless at the sight of Rome, viewed from the large fountain Pope Pius V had constructed on the Janiculum between 1610 and 1612 as a way of connecting his name to the emperor Hadrian, whose aqueduct supplies the water, and as a way of showing off his benevolence as king of Rome. Instead, I nod to the carabinieri guarding the Spanish ambassador's residence next to the giant fountain and simply head down the 119 steps from the Janiculum to the Trastevere neighborhood below.

I no longer need to hold onto the railing, and I can now make it back up in the evening without needing to stop even once to catch my breath. I pause only twice on my way to the archive where I work—both times forced to stop as I cross the heavily trafficked avenues along the sides of the Tiber River.

I plunge into a medieval section of Rome, nonchalantly ignoring churches bedecked with fantastic artwork, taking no notice of the aromas that

emanate from the shops filled with enticing salamis and cheeses, and indifferently passing the high school students feverishly finishing off their last cigarettes before the start of school.

Yes, we are all feeling Roman. We take the city in stride, mentally making notes of a museum, archaeological site, or church we want to go back and visit during free time. But, we no longer stop in awe and leave off what we had planned to do to take in this incredible urban space.

Even my research has become part of a comfortable routine. For the past ten weeks, I have gone every day to the Historical Archive of the Italian Encyclopedia, which houses the papers of Luigi Federzoni, the Nationalist and Fascist figure whose biography I am writing. I arrive at 9:00 a.m. and leave at 5:00 p.m. with a fifteen-minute break to eat a delicious sandwich prepared for me by Mirella, one of the sous-chefs at the Academy.

I am happy to note that I have reached an important milestone in my research. I have finally

finished my work in this archive. I've learned a lot from Federzoni's papers about his interactions with intellectual and artistic elites during Fascism.

But, I also come away with more questions than answers—something that comes naturally when one begins doing historical research. I haven't quite decided to which archive I will go next. But, I think I may start going to the Central State Archives, which is located outside Rome and where I hope to find answers to some of these questions.

In particular, I want to know more about Federzoni's efforts to clamp down on liberals, leftist Catholics, socialists, and communists who tried unsuccessfully to bring down Mussolini's government in 1924. Federzoni was appointed that year as minister of the Interior (a position that oversaw the police throughout Italy) when it became known that Mussolini had been involved in the murder of a famous Socialist legislator who had dared to speak out in parliament against the Fascists.

Editor's Note: History Department professor Paul Arpaia is only the second IUP faculty member to win the Rome Prize. (Daniel Perlono of the Music Department was a Rome Prize winner in both 1970 and 1971 in musical composition. He took leave from IUP and was resident at the American Academy in Rome from 1970 to 1972.) Arpaia is filing dispatches to IUP Magazine throughout his year at the Academy. He sent this one in late November

I also want to understand more about why Federzoni was chosen for the post. It appears from evidence that I found in the Historical Archive of the Italian Encyclopedia that he was chosen because of his close ties to the king of Italy and to the pope. He was a politician who had made his reputation as a proponent of law and order, family values, and patriotism. He was someone who could bring respectability to the neo-conservative coalition government led by a prime minister accused of complicity in a murder.

In 1924, and more so after World War II, Federzoni defended his actions as minister of the Interior as an attempt to restore law and order. The problem with this argument (which most historians have accepted) is that the Fascists themselves were the ones breaking the laws, murdering, beating up, and intimidating outspoken political dissidents.

If Federzoni did try to curb Fascist “excesses,” he also used his police powers to crush any political activity that might threaten

the government. So, I want to understand more what Federzoni was up to. I also want to see if he was correct in arguing that his measures were modeled after ones that had been approved by the government during a crucial phase of World War I, when Austria-Hungary had broken through the Italian lines and it seemed that Italy was on the verge of losing the war.

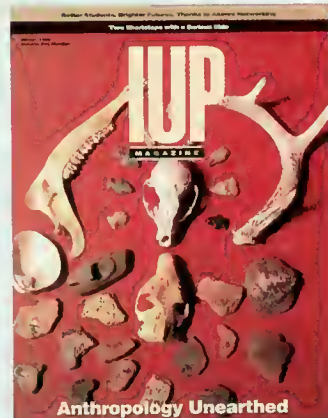
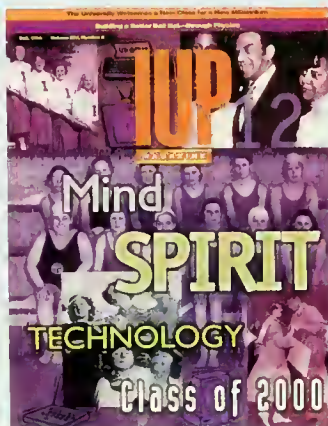
Italy was no longer at war with any of its neighbors in 1924. So, it would be significant to discover that Federzoni, the leader of the moderate political current within Fascism, used the excuse of some trumped-up domestic threat, posed by the opposition parties in parliament, to crush the existing liberal political guarantees of free speech, freedom of association, and a right to a fair trial. These measures hamstringing any legal opposition to Fascism and laid the foundation for the authoritarian Fascist state that would last until 1945.

All is not work. This week is Thanksgiving, and the mood in the Academy has turned lighthearted, despite the soaring euro that has us reeling every time we have to make a purchase. With the holiday season now in full swing, the arrival of our spouses or significant others adds to the merriment.

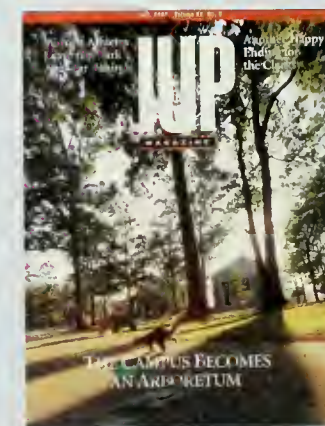
The kitchen has been preparing our Thanksgiving feast for weeks now, and most of us have given a hand peeling the chestnuts or cracking the walnuts that will fill the twenty turkeys that will feed our community of artists, scholars, and family members. We fellows are also preparing a holiday play for the children of the Academy staff, which we will produce at a party in a few weeks.

As Christmas decorations begin to appear in shop windows and as the churches begin to prepare for Christmas Day, Rome takes on a new look. And, while I prepare to start going daily to the Central State Archives in a different area of Rome, famous for its modernist architectural style, I find myself slowing down again, stopping and gazing in wonder at new marvels, and Rome becomes again for me the Eternal City. 🐼

25th Anniversary



Freshmen who came to campus in 1996 belonged to a class that would graduate in a new century. As that century dawned, IUP marked its 125th anniversary. With the rest of the nation and the world, the university reeled at the events of September 11, 2001. The Hadley Union Building more than doubled in size, and the campus became an arboretum.



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HONORS COLLEGE

By Stephanie Mlot

CHRONICLES

Learn from Success—and Failure

As emphatic as he is about learning to be prepared for life's failures, Haider Mullick has a lot of success to his name. His most memorable success stands outside Sutton Hall, in the heart of the Oak Grove.

The September 11, 2001, memorial that Mullick helped to conceptualize stands tall as a tribute he hopes he can proudly bring his grandchildren to see someday. The memorial consists of a piece of debris from the World Trade Center, accompanied by a granite piece in honor of those lost in the 9/11 attacks.

"It really made me connect to the people at IUP," Mullick said, "and will always have a very special place in my heart."

Beginning as a transfer student to IUP from Islamabad, Pakistan, Mullick joined the Robert E. Cook Honors College as an Economics major during the fall semester of 2001. An '04 graduate of the Honors College, he also received an M.A. degree in Public Policy from IUP in December.



Keith Boyer

● Haider Mullick holds a photograph of IUP's September 11 memorial in the Oak Grove. As an undergraduate, Mullick was instrumental with another student, Patrick Coulson '03, in the memorial's creation.

Through a whirlwind of projects during his graduate school career, Mullick was part of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and the Hudson Institute and currently works with the Brookings Institution. In his downtime, he has met Vice President Dick Cheney and Illinois senator and presidential hopeful Barack Obama.

Mullick spent the first twenty years of his life in Pakistan. Along with his father, a Ph.D. economist and the chair of the Economics Department at a university in Islamabad, and his mother, a candidate for the Pakistani parliament in the 1980s, Mullick has long had a fascination with politics. "I felt that, if I got involved, I could really make a difference."

And make a difference is what Mullick plans to do. His work in the name of the Muslim world allows him to express his hopes for Pakistan's future.

"I truly believe that Americans and Pakista-



Jaci Rodgers

Keith Boyer

nis can become long-lasting friends. Not just government-to-government based. I'd rather be here and say that I put my two cents in, and yes, everything failed in the end, but I can live with a clear conscience."

Failure is what drives Mullick and what he advises others to focus on in life. "Failure in the sense of sending out an application for a scholarship and not getting it; applying for a highly competitive internship and not getting it; taking the Law School Admissions Test and not getting the score you want," he said.

Mullick said he knows that the best way to make it to the top is to find something you're passionate about, focus, and never give up. How else will you ever meet the U.S. vice president?

Editor's Note: More about Mullick appears in IUP Magazine's Web Extra. 🐼

Practical Politics

With U.S. politics gathering speed before the 2008 presidential election, it's not hard for someone to develop an interest in how the nation operates. Robert E. Cook Honors College senior Jaci Rodgers has had such an interest for a long time.

"I deeply enjoy studying a variety of things and working with many different disciplines," she explained. "At the same time, I am fascinated by the government as a human construct and by seeing how it is affected by the interactions and choices of the people in the government and those that it serves."

A Colorado native, Rodgers has been a Robert E. Cook Honors College member since her freshman year, when she also joined Honors Connection, a group that plans social events and social service opportunities for the Honors College community.

The Political Science major serves as office assistant at the John P. Murtha Institute for Homeland Security, where she is learning about Homeland Security, and "helping the institute's staff advance its goals," she said.

"I [have] the responsibility of designing and producing the monthly newsletter for the institute," she said. The newsletter provides updates about national and local homeland security issues along with a list of events and opportunities in the institute's policy areas.

In past internships with the office of state representative Dave Reed (a member of the Robert E. Cook Honors College's first graduating class) and the U.S. Department of Education, Rodgers found that the work experience "has only strengthened my interest in politics and public policy." Her aim is to study these subjects in graduate school.

Early in her college career, Rodgers was a member of the IUP Marching Band and has volunteered for the Indiana Arts Council for four years. She and a colleague have also created *EdgeWise Magazine*, an all-student, all-volunteer, on-line publication. Rodgers and her coeditor hope to turn the project into a business. Rodgers is also a member of Delta Epsilon Iota, a national academic honor society fraternity. 🐼

IUP AWARDS

Honorary Doctor of Letters Degree

To Randall Silvis M'76, internationally acclaimed novelist, playwright, screenwriter, and essayist, at IUP's Midyear Commencement ceremonies in December



Friend of Higher Education Award

Presented by IUP and the local chapter of the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Professors to Vincent Hughes, who represents the 7th legislative district in the Pennsylvania Senate

IUP Legislative Fellow

Jake Wheatley, Jr., who represents Pennsylvania's 19th legislative district in the House of Representatives, selected as the tenth IUP Legislative Fellow, in a program begun in 1998 by IUP-APSCUF

ROTC Ranger Challenge

Won by IUP's ROTC Warrior Battalion, which took first place for the first time in the competition among twenty schools from Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey

Brigade Cadet of the Year

IUP student Joshua LaFleur, selected for the Lt. Neil Santoriello Leadership Award, given annually at the competition to one cadet who demonstrates exemplary leadership qualities in training for and competing at the Ranger Challenge

Accolades

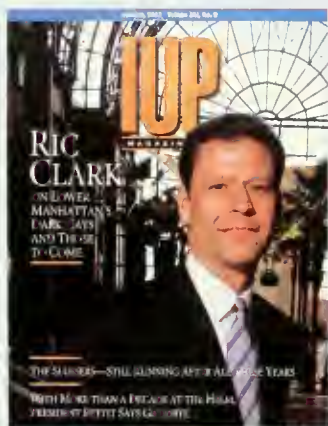
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25th Anniversary



Alumnus Ric Clark took on a major role in charting the future of Lower Manhattan after the terrorist attacks. In 2005, Tony Atwater was inaugurated as the university's forty-third president.

Letters

Times Have Changed

Progress in student housing has certainly come to Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 2007. Suites with phones, private bathrooms, kitchens, etc. What a dream come true!

Back in the fall of 1949, I was a freshman at Indiana State Teachers College. Living accommodations were quite different. You shared a bedroom with another student. You had an iron-type cot with a four-inch thick mattress. Once a month was bug control day. You turned the mattress in half toward the center of the bed. Later, a man came to spray the bed springs at both ends of the bed. I used to lay newspaper on the floor beneath the springs. Later, when I returned to my room, I wiped the springs with Kleenex™, sprinkled body powder on them, and covered them with plastic.

The rug in the room was so worn that a broom was better to use than a hand sweeper. You had a single dresser to share with your roommate—one narrow drawer and one wide drawer. Each roommate had a wooden desk with a single bulb on the wall above the desk. The desk had one drawer.

● Dorothy Jakovac Wratcher's desk in Sutton Hall, as described in her letter. Occupants supplied their own curtains. Radiators like the one in the photo still heated the building as the current century dawned.



Courtesy of Dorothy Wratcher

For me college was a whole new way of life. I was able to make choices. I met girls with whom I keep in contact even now.

I wouldn't trade my four years at ISTC for anything. I got an excellent education for less than \$5,000.

More than Fast

I retired this past June after thirty-seven years in education. I was a math teacher and department chairman at South Park High School in Allegheny County. (We don't like to be compared to the TV show.)

It may be of interest to know that Sean Strauman ["Band(man) on the Run" from your last IUP Magazine] was one of my former students. Besides being a fast runner and a tuba player, he was an excellent math student. It may not be the reason he chose IUP, but I always encouraged my students to consider IUP for their college education.

John Remensky '67
Carnegie, Pa.



● These residents of John Sutton's North Hall were all members of the Class of 1953. Their photo was taken "before dinner at noon on a Sunday in 1951." Left to right: Dorothy Jakovac Wratcher, Gerry Thieman, Virginia Shirley Thieroft Stanley (deceased), Mary Lou Kline Hansen, and Faith Mattys Lovetro (deceased)

Courtesy of Dorothy Wratcher

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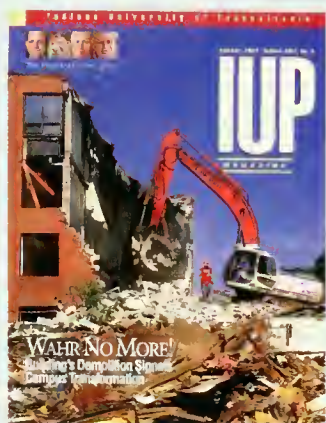
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LEGACY

25th Anniversary



Enormous changes to the central campus landscape began in late spring 2006 with the razing of Wahr Hall and other structures. Since then, each issue of the magazine has described the progress of the Residential Revival. In Winter 2007, Iraq War veterans Katheryn and Jenny Conn—two-thirds of a set of triplets—were back on campus to resume studies in their health care majors.



● **GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MARSHALS:** Ernest Papinchak, left, Judith Hostetter Zettle, and Bill Culp represented the Class of 1957 in last fall's Homecoming Parade.



● **CELEBRATING CONSTITUTION DAY:** Literary theorist and legal scholar Stanley Fish lectured at IUP last fall on "Why the Constitution Means What Its Authors Intended It to Mean." The Davidson-Kahn Distinguished University Professor and a professor of law at Florida International University, Fish has also taught at several other universities, has written ten books and hundreds of articles, and is a regular blogger for the *New York Times*. His lecture was part of IUP's Citizenship and Civic Engagement Initiative.



● **ENVOYS:** Six alumnae were honored last fall as alumni ambassadors, meeting with students in each college and participating in Homecoming festivities. Standing, left to right: Tessa Polenik Anodide '03, Natural Sciences and Mathematics; Alison Pate '03, M'07, Fine Arts; April Meredick Rudat '00, Health and Human Services; Chrystina Black Steffy '03, Humanities and Social Sciences. Seated: Jolene Anticoli '01, Education and Educational Technology; and Jessica Kalivoda Brucoliere '01, Eberly College of Business and Information Technology.

Designation of Codes

- AA** Associate of Arts Degree
- CA** Academy of Culinary Arts
- D** Doctoral Degree
- M** Master's Degree

1920s

Helen Butler Neely, who received a certificate from Indiana Normal School in 1924 and a bachelor's degree from Indiana State Teachers College in 1928, turned 103 in November.

Noble Bell, husband of **Martha Steffy Bell '29**, was honored on his hundredth birthday in November as Indiana County's oldest living World War II veteran. A former schoolteacher and lifelong farmer, he was near the cut-off age for military service when he was drafted in 1943 and given twenty-one days to resign his teaching position and leave for active duty. Also in November, the Bells, who live in Marion Center, celebrated their seventy-second wedding anniversary.

1950s

Three members of the fiftieth anniversary class of 1957 served as marshals for last fall's Homecoming Parade. They are **Bill Culp**, **Ernest Papinchak**, and **Judith Hostetler Zettle**.

Following his retirement from the University of the South, where he was director

of the university gallery, chair of the Fine Arts Department, and a faculty member for thirty-four years, **Edward Carlos '59** created IONA: Art Sanctuary in Sewanee, Tenn. The building and its purpose are described at length on *IUP Magazine's* Web Extra site (www.iup.edu/publications/iupmag/WebExtra), where there are also photographs. The building's creator received an M.F.A. degree from Catholic University in 1963 and a Ph.D. degree from Ohio University in 1969.

1960s

For the last two decades, **Samuel Pirro '66** has lived in New York, focusing on his writing and freelance editing. He received an M.A. degree in English literature in 1975 from Hunter College of the City University of New York. His recently published novella, *Wooings*, will be described in *Bookends* and *More* in the Spring issue.

Jim Horner '67 was recently inducted into the inaugural class of the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League Hall of Fame for his involvement in the sport of wrestling. In 2005, he was inducted into the Southwestern Pennsylvania Wrestling Hall of Fame. He and his wife of forty years, **Mary Claire Emigh Horner '67**, live in Bethel Park.

John Remensky '67 retired last June from Allegheny County's South Park High

School, where he was a math teacher and department chair. He also reviewed textbooks for the last two Algebra 1 series developed by Holt, Rinehart, and Winston.

Cowden Associates, headed by **Jere Cowden '69**, was named last fall as one of the fifteen Top Small Workplaces in North America by the *Wall Street Journal* and *Winning Workplaces*. The independent actuarial and employee benefit consulting firm is located in Pittsburgh's Gateway Center. More than eight hundred companies completed the initial process for consideration as finalists in the competition. The eventual winners were honored at a conference and awards dinner in Chicago in early October.

At last fall's annual conference of the Pennsylvania College Personnel Association, **Ron Lunardini '69** received the Outstanding Mentor award. Ironically, the award was created in Ron's honor and has also been named in his honor. Ron is retiring as chair of the Student Affairs in Higher Education Department at IUP.

1970s

Norman Fornella '70, chief financial officer of Dick Corporation, was appointed last summer to the board of the Community College of Allegheny County Educational Foundation.

Donald Reichard '70, M'72, president of North Carolina's Johnston Community College, was named in November as Wachovia President of the Year. The award recognizes outstanding leadership by a community college president. In addition to his IUP degrees, Don has a doctoral degree from the College of William and Mary. More information and his photo appear on *IUP Magazine's* Web Extra website.

After more than thirty-five years with the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, **Dennis Beer '71** retired last June. He spends time with his wife, Deborah, and grandchildren and does lots of traveling.

William Harrison '71 is the new vice president and chief financial officer of U.S. Steel Corporation.

A year and a half ago, **Karen Ballay Snizaski '71** retired after thirty-five years of teaching first grade in the Penn Hills (Pa.) School District. She lives in New Kensington.

Maria Greco Danaher '72 and **Thomas May '74**, both associated with Dickey, McCamey & Chilcote, P.C., in Pittsburgh, were selected for inclusion in the 2008 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Former IUP roommates **Marie Zettl Marshall '72** and **Lucy Stent Repko '72** celebrated together last June when they both retired on the same day

after each had taught home economics for thirty-five years. Marie taught in the New Castle (Pa.) Area School District, and Lucy taught in the Poland (Ohio) School District. Their photo appears in Web Extra on the *IUP Magazine* website.

The founder and president of Shadowstone, Inc., a New

York corporation, **Frank Marsico '72** has been involved in hundreds of theatrical, video, architectural, motion picture, and entertainment projects related to lighting system design, layout, supply, and implementation. Among them is a recent White House Briefing Room renovation.

Frank and his wife, **Michelle Previte Marsico '73, M'74**, live in northern New Jersey with their four sons. More about Frank and his career appears on line in *IUP Magazine's* Web Extra.

Pam Skillings '73, M'78 retired last September after a twenty-six-year sales career at the Xerox Corporation. Her last position was as sales training manager for the Eastern Region of the U.S.

Last June, **Thomas Beranty '74** retired as an educator in the Armstrong (Pa.) School District. He lives in Kittanning. Zelenople resident **Jack McMillin '74** recently completed his fourth term as Butler County (Pa.) controller, a post to which he was first elected in 1993. He is also past president of the Pennsylvania State Association of County Controllers.

Donald Orwald M'74 has won the seventy-sixth annual *Writer's Digest* Stage Play writing competition with his script *Hungarian Rhapsody: Electroglide in Blue*. He lives in Granbury, Tex., having spent thirty-one years teaching English, directing plays, and advising publications at Knoch High School, Saxonburg, Pa.

Kutztown University professor **Elaine Walls Reed '74** received the university's Arthur and Isabel Wiesenberger Award for Excellence in Teaching last fall. She not only teaches English at Kutztown but also serves as director of the Women's Center and Women's Studies. Last spring, she participated in the Oxford Roundtable on Women's Rights and Freedoms at Oxford University in England. More about her may be found in *IUP Magazine's* Web Extra.

Last spring, **Phillip Skerry D'75** retired as a professor at

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Lakeland Community College in Kirtland, Ohio. He was first associated with the college in 1968, only a year after its founding. An expert on Alfred Hitchcock, he is the author of a book about the infamous shower scene in the classic movie *Psycho*. His photo appears in Web Extra on the *IUP Magazine* website.

After retiring from the U.S. Marine Corps in 2005, **Joe Innerst '76** became a senior Marine instructor in the Junior ROTC program at Dallastown (Pa.) High School—the school from which he graduated in 1972. His wife, **Diane Lentz Innerst '75**, teaches math at Harrisburg Academy, and the couple's sons, Robert and Joey, attend the U.S. Naval Academy.

Don Rhoades '78 owns and operates an e-commerce development business in Brookville, Pa.

A member of the women's singing organization Sweet Adelines International for fourteen years, **Debbie Curtis '79** received a gold medal with the Harborlites Chorus (of Anaheim, Calif.) when it won the 2008 International Chorus Championship in October. The 130-woman chorus achieved the highest-ever score in the two-day competition in Calgary, Alberta.

● 1980s

On March 27 at the Theatre Building Chicago, the musical *Amelia* will be presented, with music by **Dave Flippo '80**. In October, there was a staged reading of *Roxane of Bergerac* at the same venue, also with music by Dave. Lots of interesting information and audio clips can be found at www.flippomusic.com.

Pittsburgher **Jim Klinefelter '80** has been promoted by Bank of New York Mellon to

first vice president and regional manager of Enterprise Cash Management Sales.

Last fall, Computer Sciences Corporation announced the promotion of **Norman Thomas Miller '80** to partner in its Federal Consulting Practice, North American Public Sector. CSC has its headquarters in El Segundo, Calif.

Barbara Kline Pope '81, executive director of the National Academies Press, was one of three recipients last fall of a marketing science practice prize presented by the Institute for Operations Research and Management Science. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the press is publisher for the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, Institute of Medicine, and National Research Council.

After twenty-four years of service with the U.S. Air Force, **Bill Moreland '82** has retired and accepted a position with Integrated Systems Division, Flight Test Operations, of Northrop Grumman. He lives in Palmdale, Calif.

A teacher in the South Butler County (Pa.) School District for twenty-one years, **Ronald McNabb '83** has been named assistant men's basketball coach at La Roche College.

James Candelmo '84, deputy criminal chief in the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Eastern District of North Carolina, has received the Central Intelligence Agency's Agency Seal Medal for his work as lead prosecutor in *United States v. Passaro*. This was the first and only prosecution for detainee abuse committed by a CIA contractor in Afghanistan. In addition, he received the U.S. Department of Justice's Award for Terrorism Prevention and

National Security Protection, in recognition of national programs he helped to develop. A photo of Jim with CIA Inspector General John Helgersen appears in *IUP Magazine's* Web Extra.

Stephen Rozman '84, president of Dean Freight Carriers, Inc., was appointed last summer to the board of the Community College of Allegheny County Educational Foundation.

Becky Burns Sease M'85, instructor in the R.N. Options Program at Pitt-Johnstown, last fall received a 2007 Cameos of Caring Award from the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing. She teaches six courses at UPJ and supervises clinical practicums in Health Promotion/Health Assessment and Community Health Nursing.

Bryan Rudolph '87 was selected last summer to create a series of videos for the Big Mac Museum Restaurant in North Huntingdon, Pa. The museum honors the creator of the Big Mac, Jim Delligatti. Bryan, who is owner and president of Video Doc Productions in Bethel Park, also produces training and instructional videos for the McDonald's Pittsburgh Regional Office.

Last September, **Nina Zimmerman Bell '88** was selected as Ford Ironman Everyday Hero at the Ford Ironman Wisconsin. The award goes to someone who uses his or her athletic career to benefit a local charity or several charitable organizations; Ford presents an Everyday Hero award at every full-distance Ironman event on the North America Sports race calendar. A feature about Nina was due to air in December on the VERSUS network in connection with a televised presentation of the Ironman Wisconsin.

At its annual golf outing last fall, IUP Men's Basketball presented **Paul Burnett '89** with its

Distinguished Alumnus award. Paul is a member of the U.S. Secret Service assigned to protect former President Bill Clinton. A photo appears in Web Extra on the *IUP Magazine* website.

In November, attorney **Deron Gabriel '89** was elected a commissioner in Allegheny County's South Fayette Township. Since acquiring a J.D. degree from Duquesne in 1993, he has practiced law in Pittsburgh. He and his wife have three children.

● 1990s

John Benjamin (Ben) Gilliam '90 was selected by the South Carolina Arts Commission as a 2007-2008 Individual Artist Fellow in the crafts category. Selections are made by an independent, out-of-state panel based on the artist's portfolio.

Larry (Buzz) Wood '90 has been elected to the board of the Mann Center for the Performing Arts, the only outdoor cultural arts venue in the Philadelphia region and one of the largest of its kind in the nation. He is a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP in Philadelphia.

Jeanne McCloskey Malcolm '91 received an M.S. degree in Technology in Education from Long Island University in December. She had also earned an M.Ed. degree in TESOL in 2001. Jeanne and her growing family live in Charlotte, N.C., where she is an adjunct faculty member at Central Piedmont Community College.

The only Pennsylvania radio journalist honored with a 2007 national Edward R. Murrow Award for excellence in broadcasting, **Tim Lambert '92** won for his report on the Flight 93 site in Somerset County. (*IUP Magazine* readers may remember that Tim's family owns part of the crash site, as reported in the Winter-Spring 2002 issue,

available on line at the magazine's website.) The morning host and reporter for WITF-FM in Harrisburg, Tim also won two regional Murrow awards for another radio documentary, as well as several other awards last year. A photo of Tim with NBC's Natalie Morales at last fall's Murrow awards dinner appears in *IUP Magazine's* Web Extra.

A certified meeting professional, **Carmela Pastorius '92** is conference center coordinator for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals and lives in Collegeville, Pa. Last summer, she was named Meeting Planner of the Year by the Philadelphia Area Chapter of Meeting Professionals International.

Jennifer Buchanan Rapach '93 is grants coordinator for U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire. She assists organizations with finding federal grant funding, in addition to a wide variety of other work. She and her husband, Mike, live in Pittsburgh.

The new associate vice chancellor for Institutional Research and Planning at Western Carolina University is **Raymond Barclay '94**. He received a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from Temple in January 2007.

Danielle Matula Ficco '95, M'97 is visiting assistant professor of sociology at Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa. She received a doctorate from Pitt and has taught at Washington & Jefferson, Carlow University, and Pitt.

Jill Deppe '96 is a participant in the NASA Postdoctoral Program at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., studying avian migration on continental scales to understand the potential impacts of climate change, natural disasters, and human activities on migratory birds. According to Deppe, who has a Ph.D. from the University of California-Riverside, "Until now, our



Courtesy of Monica Rizzo

knowledge of bird migration at large scales has been hindered by the broad geographic extent of migratory movements and the short time period during which migration takes place." Now, however, technological advances in remote sensing and computing are giving researchers new tools.

Newark, Del., resident **Kristin Lepley '96** has been promoted to assistant vice president within the Compliance Division of Bank of America.

Last summer, **Martin Raniowski '96, M'98** was appointed director for the Bureau of Health Planning with the Pennsylvania Department of Health. He lives in the Harrisburg area with his wife, Jenna, and son, Declan.

In September, **Troy Yenser '96** received his Executive MBA degree from the College of William and Mary. That same month, he and his wife, **Renee Sandy Yenser '94**, celebrated their ninth wedding anniversary. They live in Mechanicsville, Va., with their five-year-old daughter, Lauren.

● **STAR WORDS:** *People* staff writer Monica Rizzo '87 visited the *Dancing with the Stars* set in late 2006 to write about Jerry Springer and his dance partner, Kym Johnson, right. This past October, she spoke to two sections of IUP Journalism faculty member Patrick Farabaugh's Magazine Principles class in what was her first visit to campus since graduation. "She was great," Farabaugh said, "and provided a lot of valuable information for our students."

Attorney **Michael Yoder '96** has joined Pacific Legal in Portland, Ore., as a member of its litigation support team. He previously spent five years with the U.S. Air Force, serving in several capacities, including as an international prosecutor at Camp Cropper, Iraq. There, he worked with U.S. Marines in Al Anbar Province to develop criminal evidence against captured insurgents for prosecution by the Central Criminal Court of Iraq.

Amy Horner '97 was recently recognized for outstanding achievements in sales and marketing in the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area by her employer, Centex Homes of Dallas, Tex.

The new assistant principal at Millbrook High School, **Nick Rotosky '97** lives in Wake Forest, N.C., with his wife,

Shelly Raymond Rotosky '95, M'97, and their family.

With a master's degree from Old Dominion University, **Theresa Portzer Farrell '98** moved from Virginia back to Western Pennsylvania two years ago with her husband and two children. Now a teacher in the Warren County School District, she has been recognized at various levels by the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Keystone program for her use of technology in the classroom. This year, she and her students are raising trout in their fifth-grade science classroom.

Derrick Hardy '98 is an administrator in the Pittsburgh Public Schools. He and **Nathan Hart '00** and **Keenan Holmes '03** were all 2007 honorees in "40 Under 40," sponsored by *Pittsburgh* magazine and the Pittsburgh Urban Magnet Project.

Jamie Kasper '99 has been appointed Fine Arts and Humanities advisor for the Pennsylvania Department of Education. A native of Cherry Grove in Warren County, she was a music teacher at Bermudian Springs Elementary School in York Springs prior to her state appointment. She and her husband live in Adams County.

● 2000s

Nathan Hart '00 is a ballroom dancer and business manager at Arthur Murray Dance Studio. He, **Derrick Hardy '98**, and **Keenan Holmes '03** were all 2007 honorees in "40 Under 40," sponsored by *Pittsburgh* magazine and the Pittsburgh Urban Magnet Project.

Kara Burdick Lesher '00 recently earned a master's degree in nursing from the University of Phoenix. She is a nurse educator in the Reading

(Pa.) Hospital School of Health Sciences Nursing Program.

Lisa Kaniecki '01 was maid of honor last July when **Nicole Brandt '01** and **Jarrod Lash '02** were married in Pittsburgh.

When **Angela Demma Kyne '02** married Shawn Kyne last fall, **Amanda Bradley Krier '00** and **Brianne Baran Sparks '01** were in the bridal party. Angela is a trauma ICU nurse at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, and her husband is a county police officer.

In the magazine's seventh annual competition, **Jon Borgo '03** was selected by *Cosmopolitan* as "hottest bachelor in Pennsylvania" but lost the national title of 2007 Bachelor of the Year to the hottest bachelor from Ohio. Votes were cast on the magazine's website, and announcement of the top spot was made at a party in October. A drug and alcohol counselor, Jon lives in Lower Burrell.

Keenan Holmes '03 is an attorney with Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC. He and **Derrick Hardy '98** and **Nathan Hart '00** were all 2007 honorees in "40 Under 40," a recognition program sponsored by *Pittsburgh* magazine and the Pittsburgh Urban Magnet Project.

A graduate of Duquesne University Law School, **Jason Borkowski '04** has been admitted to the practice of law in Pennsylvania. He lives in Allison Park.

At the Pennsylvania College Personnel Association annual conference last fall, **Dave Falletta M'06** was a panelist on the topic "Multiple Perspectives on Legacy." Chaired by IUP faculty member **Linda Hall D'96**, the panel also included **Ron Lunardini '69** and IUP administrator Kate Linder.

Weddings

● 1980s

Susan Sutliff George '80 to Charles Coleman, September 15, 2007. **Michelle Falvo '89** to Mark Kernan, August 4, 2007.

● 1990s

Michael Rossi '95 to Jennifer Horensky, December 17, 2005. **Mark Yohn '95** to Lucy Cronin, October 27, 2007. **Mark Maroni '99** to Leigh Whelan, September 28, 2007.

● 2000s

Nicole Brandt '01 to Jarrod Lash '02, July 14, 2007. **Brian Shirey '01** to Michelle Swaney, September 22, 2007. **Amy Cook '02** to Gerald Prante, November 24, 2007. **Angela Demma '02** to Shawn Kyne, September 4, 2007. **Brian Fajt '02** to Gina Sciarretti, October 27, 2007. **Tina Maceno '02, M'06** to Pete Hanlon,



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IUP MENTORS

Among the Smart Leaders

The November 2007 edition of *Smart Business Pittsburgh* carried an interview with IUP President Tony Atwater as part of its "Smart Leaders" series. "In addition to managing a \$209 million budget and 1,873 employees," the magazine wrote, "the leader [in this case Atwater] constantly re-evaluates the market and his own business practices, seeking innovative ways to better serve his organization and constituents." Listening, Atwater said, "goes beyond strictly having ears. You have to be intentional and strategic about gaining information that will be useful to you in terms of effecting positive change. In the final analysis, good leaders effect positive change in a graceful fashion that lifts the institution or organization."

Privacy, Problems, Process

In an article last fall on the interpretation of federal privacy laws, the *Washington Post* quoted former IUP President Lawrence K. Pettit, who, it said, "recently completed a report on the shootings [at Virginia Tech] for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities that summarizes the panel findings. He is advising university presidents to work with state attorneys general to better understand the intersection of federal education and medical privacy laws, as well as state restrictions." According to Pettit, "It's become pretty complicated, and I think it's incredibly important that we come to some understanding on how to interpret these laws, and how student affairs officials and

faculty and others can proceed when they suspect there's a problem. What we are trying to do is get all the value we can out of hindsight."

Be the Change

Valarie McDowell Trimarchi '87, M'91, campus dean of IUP at Punxsutawney, was honored at the Pennsylvania Governor's Conference for Women in Philadelphia in November. She was one of five finalists for the Be the Change award selected from among 150 nominations. Cosponsored by Canyon Ranch, the award, according to conference officials, was "presented to a Pennsylvania woman who personifies compassion for her community and commitment to improving the everyday lives of those around her."

Grant Update

In addition to Beverly Chiarulli of the Anthropology Department, principal investigators on an NSF grant described in the Mentors section of the Fall *IUP Magazine* are R. Scott Moore (History), Francis Allard (Anthropology), John Benhart (Geography), and Jonathan Lewis (Geoscience). Sarah Neusius and Victor Garcia (both from Anthropology) are senior researchers. Garcia has also received a grant from the National Institute of Drug Abuse, an agency of the National Institutes of Health, to study substance abuse among migrant farm workers in Pennsylvania. In addition, IUP's Archaeological Services, which Chiarulli directs, has entered into its fourth agreement with the Cultural Resource Group of the Pennsylvania Depart-

ment of Transportation's Bureau of Design to provide cultural resource expertise for the next five years.

Stellar Year for TRIO Programs

In addition to a four-year renewal for IUP's Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program, the university has received a \$250,000 Upward Bound Math and Science grant through the U.S. Department of Education. There is potential for \$125,000 in continued funding for this grant over the next five years. What was formerly the IUP McNair Office has now become the IUP TRIO Programs. Faculty members Calvin Masilela and Hilary Staples '98, M'02 are program director and assistant director, respectively.

Nuclear Proliferation

Within recent months, Gawdat Bahgat, director of IUP's Center for Middle Eastern Studies, has given telephone interviews to the *Jerusalem Post* on nuclear proliferation in the Middle East and to *El-Mercurio*, a Chilean newspaper. His new book, *Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons in the Middle East*, was published by the University Press of Florida last October.

Honor Society Honor

Yaw Asamoah, dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, has been elected vice president of the northeast region of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest, largest, and most selective all-discipline honor society.

September 24, 2005. **Jennifer Johnson '04** to Brendan Wimer, October 21, 2006.

Arrivals

● 1980s

To **Charlene Beidle Fujino '86**, M'94 and Gary Fujino, a son, Jack Charles, July 29, 2007. To **Lori Callaway Bencyton '87** and Gilles Beneyton, an adopted son, Edi Joseph, September 26, 2006, born August 23, 2005. To **Charlene Ruzbarsky Harold '87** and **Kenneth Harold '88**, a daughter, Abigail Irene, September 17, 2006. To **Calvin "Frank"**

Yunker '87, '93 and Marie Yunker, a son, Daniel Kenneth, July 28, 2007. To **Ed Costello '88** and Carla Costello, a son, Ryan Alexander, June 18, 2007. To **Kathy Niezgoda Johnson '88** and Scott Johnson, twins, Natalie Kay, June 14, 2007, and Zachary Francis, June 15, 2007.

● 1990s

To **Ann Marie Schneller Cady '91** and Lonnie Cady, a son, Noah Micale, June 20, 2007. To **Marie-France Reyes Londa '91** and Mark Londa, a daughter, Claire-Jolie, April 12, 2007. To **Jeanne McCloskey Malcolm**

'91 and Paul Malcolm, a daughter, Gillian, November 17, 2006. To **Jennifer Wechs Fedder '92** and Dennis Fedder, a daughter, Tesslin Elizabeth, September 23, 2007. To **Scott Weller '92, M'93** and **Courtenay Ojard Weller '93**, a daughter, Sadie Mae, April 17, 2007. To **Kim Kochara Griffith '94** and **Dan Griffith '96**, a son, Nathaniel Michael, July 29, 2006. To **Jeri Hinkle Kramer '94** and **Todd Kramer '94**, a daughter, Kendall Lynn, September 22, 2007. To **Michael Rossi '95** and **Jennifer Rossi**, a daughter, Isabella Alyse, June 25, 2007. To **Michele Raymond Rotosky '95, M'97** and

Nicholas Rotosky '97, a daughter, Jaden Nicole, September 26, 2007. To **Heather Newlin Lupton '96** and Russell Lupton, a daughter, Allyson Rose, April 20, 2007. To **Beverly Leggens Nestor '96, M'07** and **Brian Nestor**, a daughter, McKenna Lynn, November 20, 2006. To **Janet Schultz-Svor '96** and **Philip Svor**, a son, Brady Jon, June 10, 2005, and a daughter, Gillian Winter, April 30, 2007. To **Robin Fiore Tate '96** and **Jeffrey Tate**, a son, Jackson Jeffrey, June 12, 2007. To **David Jacobs '98** and **Melissa Jacobs**, a son, Alexander Robert, May 1, 2007. To **David Kline '98** and

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Karen Dominici Kline '99, a daughter, Nicole Grace, August 1, 2007. To **Alan Yeschenko '98** and **Melanie Kachur Yeschenko '98**, a son, Brandon Edward, January 9, 2007.

● 2000s

To **Brian Vilella '00** and **Noelle Staszal Vilella '02**, a son, Breckin Henry, October 21, 2007. To **Scott McCuen '01** and **Paula McCuen**, a daughter, Kelsie Suzanne, June 28, 2007. To **Andrew Moore '01** and **Julie Bober Moore '01**, a daughter, Lily Audrey, August 8, 2007. To **Trisha Loucks Yurko '01**, M'07 and **Dave Yurko**, a daughter, Ava Grace, January 2, 2007. To **Tina Maceno Hanlon '02**, M'06 and **Pete Hanlon**, a daughter, Natalie Grace, May 31, 2007. To **Stephanie Will Heath '02**, M'04 and **Brian Heath '04**, a son Brody Scott, November 9, 2007. To **Angela Tracey '03**, twins, Edward and Zoe, November 17, 2006. To **Jen-**

nifer Craig Willard '04 and **Jeff Willard**, a daughter, Elizabeth, July 14, 2007.

Deaths

1929: Mabel Knupp Cribbs, Elizabeth Witman McWilliams.

1930: Waleska Williard Bruce. **1932:** Louise Allen Crytzer, Lois Beatty Wenger. **1934:** Ivy Berg Mathie, Dorothy Williams Steffy. **1935:** Jeanne Force Gelfo, Mildred Mountain Pifer. **1936:** Frederick Tomb. **1937:** Beatrice Koontz Kelley. **1938:** Martha Paulson Adams.

1940: Lee Ellsworth. **1941:** Marjorie Stotler Arch Burns, Mary McCann Clark, Severino (Sam) Costantino, Theda Miller Stauffer. **1942:** Margaret Nicely Hough. **1944:** Helen Wetzel Hansen, Kathryn Myers Martin. **1949:** Ruth Neal Anderson, Florian George Fraed.

1950: Betty Dodd Carter, Helen Laughlin Mogle. **1952:** Laurene

Geisler McGrath. 1954: Gerald Goss, Albert McFarland, Stephen Smrek. **1956:** Eleanor Landfair Friel, Kenneth Nusser. **1957:** James Rafferty, Blase Scarnati.

1963: Anthony Allegretti, Nicholas Carlesi (M). **1967:** Myrna Madjerich McLochlin, John Tonicini. **1968:** Stephen Askin (M). **1969:** Dennis Lesick (M).

1970: Joyce Grant (M). **1973:** William Wellen. **1974:** Cathleen Armstrong Resh. **1975:** Jane Austin Hale, Marilyn Bowersox Snyder. **1977:** Kenneth Lowansee. **1979:** Michael Botwright.

1980: William Cooper. **1981:** Ann Ericksen Aydelotte (M), Michael Stutz, Christopher Wasylshyn (M). **1987:** Robert Hayes. **1989:** Charles Good.

1991: Marna Scott Cox. **1992:** Tammy Hodge Kelly, Patricia O'Connor Malik. **1996:** Phyllis Jones Eldridge. **1998:** Lana

Leasure-Currie.

2006: Thomas Benjamin (M).

Other Deaths

Christina Cha, a faculty member in the Music Department from 1968 to 1988, died September 16, 2007.

Mark Dushok, a junior majoring in Communications Media, died in a traffic accident on October 29, 2007.

Bryce Kupchella, a sophomore Elementary Education major, died November 11, 2007.

Frank Liegey, a faculty member at IUP from 1962 to 1987 and a former Biology Department chairman, died November 14, 2007.

Adam Shuler, a Political Science major from Portage, died November 2, 2007.

John Watta, a faculty member in the English Department from 1962 to 1984, died September 28, 2007.

STARS SIGN AGAIN IN HARRISBURG

Pittsburgh Steelers Heath Miller and Larry Foote and one or more baseball celebrities will sign autographs the weekend of February 16 and 17 at the Harrisburg Area IUP Alumni Chapter's sports card show at the Harrisburg Mall, located off the I-83 and Paxton Street Exit. Readers of *IUP Magazine* can order advance autograph tickets for use at the show or purchase autographs by mail on 8x10 color photos.

According to Carl Hisiro '76, the show's promoter, Steelers tight end and former number-one draft pick Miller will appear Sunday, February 17, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. He will sign autographs at the show for \$35 each on 8x10 color photos, cards, and other nonpremium items. Autographs on footballs, mini-helmets, and 16x20 photos will be \$45 each; on game jerseys and full-size helmets, they will be \$55 each.

Inside linebacker Foote will appear Sunday from noon to 2:00. Foote's autograph prices are \$22 each on 8x10 color photos, cards, and other nonpremium items; \$32 each on footballs, mini-helmets, and 16x20 photos; and \$42 each on game jerseys and full-size helmets.

On Saturday afternoon, former New York Yankee Hector Lopez will appear at the show

to sign autographs from 1:00 to 3:00. Lopez will sign autographs for \$17 on 8x10 color photos, cards, baseballs, and other nonpremium items and for \$27 on bats and game jerseys.

The sports card show, which starts Friday, February 15, and continues through the weekend, will feature more than seventy dealer tables selling vintage and new sports cards, sports memorabilia and collectibles, and nonsports cards. Proceeds from the three-day show will be given to the Foundation for IUP for the scholarship endowment fund the Harrisburg Area IUP Alumni Chapter created to benefit IUP students from the Harrisburg/York/Lancaster area. The chapter has donated more than \$84,000 from previous card shows to the Foundation, including more than \$56,000 to the scholarship endowment fund.

Mail-order prices (which include return postage and handling) are \$29.50 for Foote and \$42.50 for Miller on an 8x10 color photo supplied by the chapter and \$59 and \$72, respectively, on Steeler mini-helmets supplied by the chapter. Mail-order prices are \$24.50 for Lopez on an 8x10 color photo supplied by the chapter and \$33 on chapter-supplied baseballs. For other mail-order items, readers can call Hisiro to obtain pricing and mailing instructions. Mail orders must be received by February 13 to ensure autographs.

Those planning to attend the show to obtain autographs may order tickets in advance by making a check payable to Carl Hisiro and sending it prior to the show to 108 Nicolas Court, Harrisburg, PA 17110. For advance ticket sales only, a self-addressed stamped envelope should be sent with the order. Each autograph comes with a James Spence Authentication witnessed protection certification sticker.

The chapter has for sale from previous shows a limited number of autographs on color photos of former New York Yankees Bobby Richardson, Gil McDougald, Tom Tresh, Joe Pepitone, Bob Turley, Rollie Sheldon, Luis Arroyo, Bud Daley, Art Ditmar, and Ryne Duren; former Pittsburgh Pirates Bill Virdon, Vernon Law, Bob Friend, and Kevin Young; and current and former Pittsburgh Steelers James Farrior, Ike Taylor, Duce Staley, Mike Wagner, and John Fuqua. Information about these items or about the upcoming show can be obtained on the chapter's website at harrisburgareaaiupalumni.org or by calling Hisiro at 717-545-1181 or e-mailing him at chisiro@verizon.net.

Proceeds from the three-day show will be given to the Foundation for **IUP** for the scholarship endowment fund.



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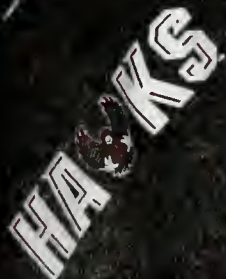
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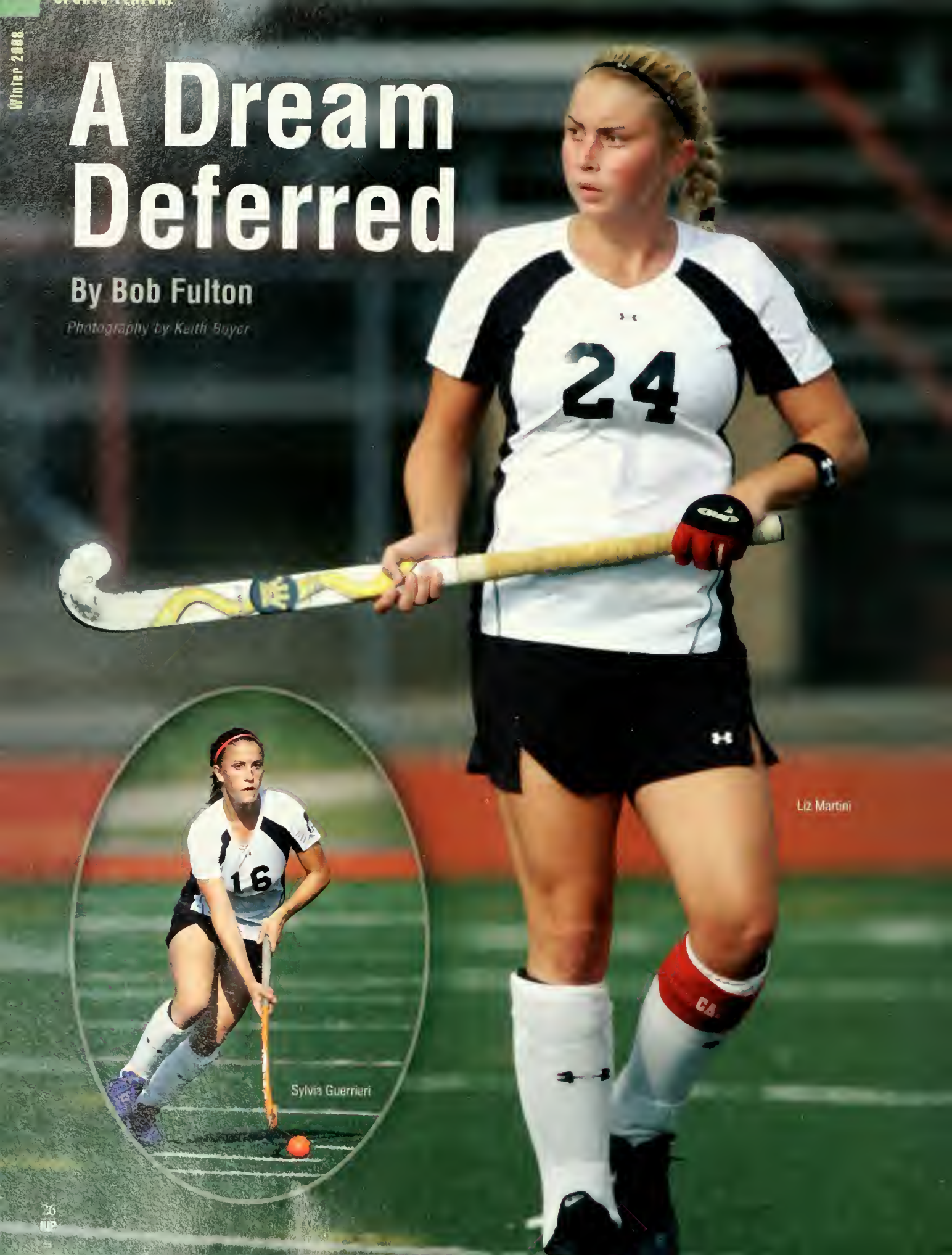
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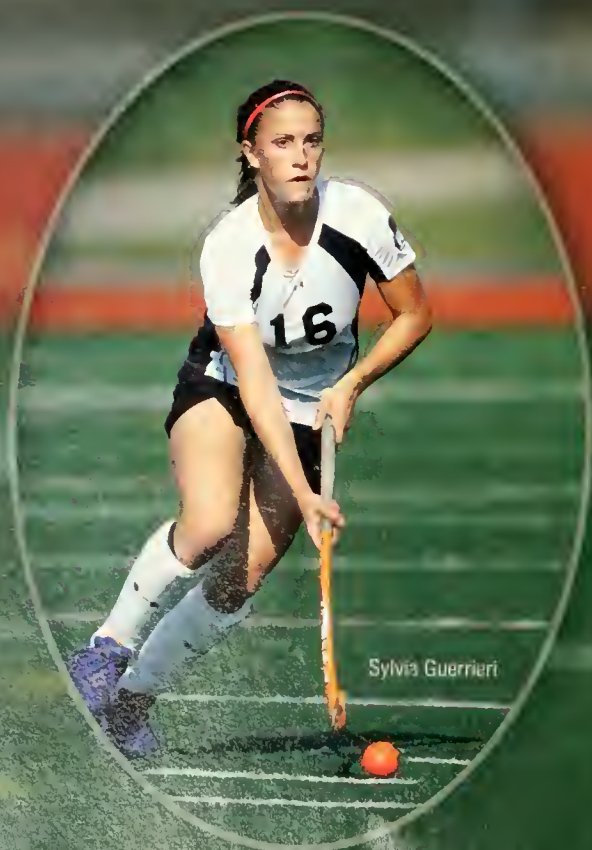


A Dream Deferred

By Bob Fulton

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Liz Martini



Sylvia Guerrieri

The best season in IUP field hockey history ended in the worst kind of way.

Positioned to claim a national title, the top-ranked Crimson Hawks lost 4-3 in the NCAA Division II semifinals to Bloomsburg, an opponent they had already defeated three times. Instead of a celebration, IUP's visit to the Final Four in Lowell, Mass., ended with a cascade of tears and faces longer than an Easter Island statue's.

"You go to national championships to win, not to participate," said coach Rutger Wiese. "At the end, if you don't win, it's disappointing. Very disappointing. I mean, we were good enough to win it all."

Indeed, the 17-4 Crimson Hawks were the class of Division II for much of the season. They spent five weeks atop the STX/National Field Hockey Coaches Association poll, rarefied air no IUP team had ever breathed; set a school record for winning percentage (.810); posted the second-highest win total in the program's history; captured their first Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference regular-season and tournament titles; and reeled off a school-record nine consecutive victories, a torrid stretch during which they outscored the opposition 27-5.

It was a landmark season. It just wasn't good enough.

After dominating the most competitive Division II conference in America, where every match rivals the do-or-die intensity of a gladiatorial duel at the Colosseum, the Hawks failed in their bid to hoist the trophy they *really* wanted.

"We weren't even shooting for a PSAC championship—we were shooting for a national championship," said junior midfielder Sylvia Guerrieri, a first-team all-conference selection along with senior defender Liz Martini and sophomore goalkeeper Lydia Dolly, who led Division II in goals-against average (0.88) and shutouts (11). "That's what kind of makes me upset—because of that loss I can't really enjoy the other championship."

The Crimson Hawks electrified the crowd at Miller Stadium on successive afternoons en route to their first PSAC tournament title. IUP edged Shippensburg 1-0 in the semifinals on a goal by sophomore forward Brittany Owens with 19.9 seconds left in regulation, then dethroned Bloomsburg 4-3 in the final when Owens struck again 12:27 into overtime.

Alas, the PSAC championship trophy was the last IUP would claim in 2007.

"It definitely is a good memory, but I know everyone on the team is like, yeah, we won PSAC, but our hearts were into nationals," said Martini, who ranked seventh nationally in goals (0.86) and points (2.1) per game. "Everyone went into the Final Four thinking—knowing—that we could win. To not come out with a national championship is just devastating."

It was Martini who helped to set the tone for what, in many respects, was IUP's most successful season of field hockey since the program debuted in 1971. She matched a school record with four goals in a 5-1 rout of Bloomsburg on September 11, a victory that snapped the Huskies' twenty-eight-game winning streak and vaulted IUP to No. 1 for the first time ever.

The Crimson Hawks toppled the defending national champions again a month later when freshman midfielder Barbara Heemelaar scored with twenty-four seconds remaining to snap a 1-1 tie. After IUP bumped off the Huskies a third time in the PSAC final, Wiese's team seemed destined to make a run at a national crown.

"Everything was in place this year," he said. "We beat Bloomsburg three times. We had a really good shot."

But the Hawks' hopes evaporated faster than a puddle in the Sahara when the teams clashed at nationals. Bloomsburg jumped in front with 27:35 elapsed and stretched its lead to 4-0 as the IUP players shook their heads in disbelief. The Hawks did mount a stirring comeback, Martini scoring twice around a goal by Guerrieri, but the Huskies

weathered the blitz and advanced to the final, where they secured their school's eleventh Division II title.

Bloomsburg's jubilant departure from Lowell contrasted sharply with the Crimson Hawks' anguished exit and agonizing thoughts of what might have been.

"It definitely was one of the most heart-breaking games I've ever played," Martini said. "None of us wanted it to end like that. If we would have only started the game like we finished the game, it might have been a different story."

Instead, it was the same old story. Bloomsburg expelled the Crimson Hawks from the NCAA tournament for the fourth consecutive year, three times after the teams reached the Final Four.

Yet in a sense, that record actually represents a sign of progress. The odds of IUP's making a national tournament appearance were once longer than Pinocchio's nose. In fact, before Wiese arrived in 2003, the Crimson Hawks' postseason experience consisted of a single game. The NCAA tournament has since become a *de facto* part of their schedule, an about-face for a program that not so many years ago struggled to qualify for even its conference tournament.

"We're kind of expected to be in nationals every year now," said Martini. "It's a given that we'll be there. It's not like, well, IUP has a shot. Everyone *knows* IUP will be there."

The Crimson Hawks are perennial national championship contenders, if not yet a national champion.

"Let's be honest. The year before I came here, they were 2-6 in the conference. We were the absolute bottom of the bottom," Wiese said. "This year we were 12-2 in the conference. We are nationally top three every year, which is pretty good. So we've gone from the absolute bottom to the top."

At least in the conference. Unfortunately, the Crimson Hawks are still looking to reach the top in Division II. All because the best season in IUP history had the worst kind of ending. 🐉

Name Droppers



By Mike Hoffman

Championship fever was in the air at IUP during the fall as two teams captured PSAC titles, the football team made a run in the NCAA play-offs, and the women's basketball team opened its season with an impressive run in Florida.

The field hockey team won the first conference championship in school history by defeating Shipensburg and Bloomsburg in the PSAC tournament held at Miller Stadium, October 26-27. Sophomore **Brittany Owens** scored the game-winning goal in both games and was the tournament MVP. Five Crimson Hawks were named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association All-America team, led by senior **Liz Martini**, who was honored for the fourth time in her career. Also selected to the team were Owens, juniors **Sylvia Guerrieri** and **Kellen Yoder**, and freshman **Barbara Heemelaar** (read more about the field hockey team in Bob Fulton's feature story).

The golf team continued its run as the preeminent power in the PSAC when it won the conference tournament championship for the seventh time in the past eleven years. The Crimson Hawks claimed an eight-stroke victory at the tournament October 20-21 in Hummelstown, Pa. Sophomore **Gavin Smith** won medalist honors by finishing with a two-day score of three-under-par 141, the only golfer in the field under par in the tournament. Smith, the reigning PSAC Rookie of the



Year, was joined on the all-conference team by sophomore **Nic Milito**, who tied for seventh, and freshman **Leo Acklin**, who tied for ninth. Including its PSAC crown, the golf team won three tournaments in the fall. The season resumes in March, including the NCAA East Regional and national tournaments. IUP will begin the spring ranked No. 1 in the East Region as it looks for its first appearance at nationals since 2005.

After a couple of near misses, the football team finally returned to the NCAA playoffs for the first time since 2002. The Crimson Hawks won eight of ten regular season games to earn the number-six seed in the Northeast Region. IUP hit the road for its first postseason game and defeated West Chester, 45-35, in the opening round behind two rushing touchdowns by senior **Poohbear McNeal**, a pair of



touchdown passes from sophomore **Andrew Krewatch**, and a 79-yard kickoff return by senior **Anthony Rodriguez**. The playoff run came to an end the following week with a 41-34 loss at Shepherd despite thirteen receptions for 176 yards and four touchdowns by junior **Ken Witter**. The Crimson Hawks placed eleven players on the All-PSAC West team, including seven on the first team. The first-team selections included Witter, seniors **Dan Pickens**, **Rory Thomas**, and **Corey Sample**, juniors **Terrence Jackson** and **Anthony Guerra**, and sophomore **Jim O'Rourke**.

The women's basketball team picked up where it left off last season by winning its first five games of the season, including three at the prestigious Disney's Division II Tip-Off Classic in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. The Crimson Hawks defeated Assumption,

Lander, and Upper Iowa to win the championship of their bracket. Junior **Jahzinga Tracey** made an early statement in her bid for All-America accolades this season, earning the Most Outstanding Player award at the Disney tournament. Tracey averaged 22.7 points and 9.0 rebounds in the three games, including 31 points vs. Lander and 25 vs. Assumption. A year ago, Tracey received numerous postseason honors, including selection as the PSAC West Player of the Year. Tracey was joined on the all-tournament team by sophomore **Kierstin Filla**, who dished out nineteen assists to fall just one shy of the tournament record in that category. IUP opened the season ranked sixteenth in the country in the USA Today ESPN Division II Coaches Poll, conducted by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

In other women's basketball news, freshman **Lacey Claar** was named the first recipient of the newly established Dr. Tony Atwater and Dr. Beverly Roberts-Atwater Presidential Scholarship. The scholarship is designed to recognize and support outstanding high school graduates who are first-generation college students. The scholarship also honors students who demonstrate leadership qualities and who contribute to their communities. Claar is enrolled in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and is planning to pursue a career in physical therapy.

The cross country teams



placed four runners on the All-East Region team, including three on the women's side. Juniors **Maureen Newell** and **Staci Stockard** finished tenth and eleventh, respectively, while senior **Erica Hoffman** was fifteenth. In the men's race, junior Nate Shelly was twelfth.

Soccer freshman **Lauren Mizik** was honored as the PSAC West Rookie of the Year, marking the second straight season that IUP has boasted the conference's top newcomer. Last year that award went to **Sarah Romasco**, who led the league in goals and points this season as a sophomore and was named to the All-Northeast Region first team.

Former women's basketball player **Jacqui Martin '04** was inducted into eastern Lancaster County's Garden Spot High School Athletic Hall of Fame in October. Martin ranks among the all-time record holders in several categories at IUP and is one of fifteen players to score 1,000 points, finishing her career with 1,080.

Hall of Fame honors also came to IUP golfing legend **Sean Knapp '84**. Knapp was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, East Boros Chapter, for his accomplishments as an amateur golfer. He owns the most wins in the history of the Western Pennsylvania Golf Association, with twenty-eight, and is a ten-time WPGA Player of the Year. Knapp, who was inducted into the IUP Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001, won the Pennsylvania Amateur Championship in 1997 and the Mid-Amateur title in 1996, 1997, and 2004. The latter season saw him selected the Pennsylvania Player of the Year.

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vania Higher Education Assistance Agency and Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, the Department of the Auditor General also audits performance.

Insufficient information on the list of registered sex offenders under Megan's Law, delays in the rollout of the E-911 cell-phone tracking system, and missed restaurant inspections are all the business of the auditor general. Auditing the safety plans of Pennsylvania's school districts is also high on Wagner's agenda.

Needless to say, his Safety Management degree hasn't gathered dust. "We can basically look at any aspect of state government as it relates to safety," he said from his Harrisburg office.

Somewhere within the walls of Admiral Peary, more than thirty years ago, Wagner came across what he recalls as a quote from Abraham Lincoln: "Education is not fulfillment, utilization of knowledge is."

They are words he has lived by. "If you can take your experiences, your education, your ability to

communicate with others, and put it all together, you can really have a positive impact," he said.

With two teenage children, Luke and Sara, Wagner has concerns about the growing high school dropout rate and how it could affect the country's future.

"The most important thing a young person can do is go to school," he said. "If I can do it, someone else can."

Wagner's education has, in fact, come full circle. He received the IUP Distinguished Alumni Award in 1994, served four years on the IUP Alumni Association Board of Directors, and now audits the university.

As for the future, the sixty-year-old Wagner hopes to be reelected in November to a second term as auditor general. After that, he said, he'll look into running for other offices. As he puts it, "I take it one election at a time." 🐼

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Remembering Emily

Editor's Note: Emily DeCicco, an education professor at IUP from 1974 to 1994, died in January 2007. Publication of her death in IUP Magazine triggered several inquiries and responses, including the following letter.

The workshop title "Humanizing the Classroom" sounded like just what I needed. As a music teacher, I already knew more music than I could impart in a General Music class for middle school. What I needed to know was how to motivate, create, and educate, using the music knowledge that I had.

Our class was seated and waiting for the professor when in walked Emily with a brisk step and a smile. Immediately, her enthusiasm was contagious, and we were anticipating a worthwhile week. We graduate students had a chance to exchange thoughts on the first day, and the chatter went like this: "She doesn't look much older than we do!" "Where does she get her energy?" "She has a doctorate and two master's degrees, and yet she wants to be called Emily!" "This is going to be a great class!" "I wonder what else she teaches?"

Emily gave us a lot of work to do. We had this workshop, which lasted a full day, for one week. We had research and papers to do for the evening. If it had been anyone else, I know we would have balked at the amount of work. The thing was, the research was worth our time, and we knew that

Emily worked just as hard if not harder.

I believe it was in "Humanizing the Classroom II" where we asked Emily what her secret to great energy was. She said that she had granola in the morning and wine at night. We laughed, but I suspected that some students immediately went home and tried that out. She talked about gardening, home life, how pleased she was that someone had named their little daughter Emily, and her husband, Frank.

After that class, many of us were asking what other classes Emily was going to teach. I needed my twenty-four credits for certification and would have loved to have all of them in Emily's classes. She was team-teaching (if I'm not mistaken; this was over thirty years ago, so have mercy) a class on law and education. I took that. She could have said that she'd be teaching thumb twiddling and napkin folding, and I would have signed up first!

Emily's classes inspired me and revolutionized my teaching. There is no higher achievement than to have imparted the best of yourself into teachers who will, in turn, do the same for their own students. The only thing that Emily could not convince me to do was to eat granola.

I will never forget my time with Emily. She was a unique and precious person. 🐼

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● AUTHENTIC AWARENESS: Opening a celebration of Native American culture in November, dancers made their way onto campus. The first event sponsored by IUP's Native American Awareness Council included drumming and dancing by the Muddy Creek Singers, authentic food, and exhibits that illustrated Native American life. The event is expected to become part of an annual tradition.



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